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IMAD EDDIN BARAKAT YARKAS  
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM - SPANISH CELL

On November 13, 2001, the Spanish National Police (SNP) arrested IMAD EDDIN BARAKAT YARKAS, aka ABU DAHDAH, and ten members of his Spain-based radical Islamic terrorist cell following a two year investigation. Operation Datil, as it was called by the Spanish authorities, resulted in the seizure of vast quantities of evidentiary material, including but not limited to: documents, computers and other electronic media, videos, propaganda and various firearms.

Members of Yarkas's cell who were arrested are:

JASEM MAHBOULE, aka ABU MOHAMAD  
DOB: 1962  
POB: Direzzour, Syria

LUIS JOSE GALAN GONZALEZ, aka YUSUF GALAN  
DOB: 03/21/1965  
POB: Madrid, Spain

BASSAM DALATI SATUT, aka ABU ABDO  
DOB: 5/7/1959  
POB: Aleppo, Syria

MOHAMED GHALEB KALAJE ZOUAYDI, aka ABU TALHA  
DOB: 1/3/1961  
POB: Aleppo, Syria  
(Later released)

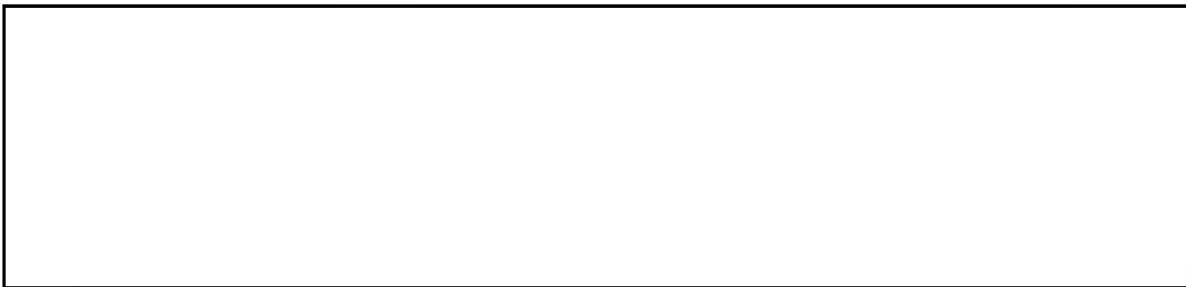
OSAMA DARRA, aka ABU THABET  
DOB: 1/26/1966  
POB: Damascus, Syria

MOHAMED NEEDL ACAID, aka NIDAL  
DOB: 1967  
POB: Damascus, Syria

SAID CHEDADI  
DOB: 1969  
POB: Tangier, Morocco

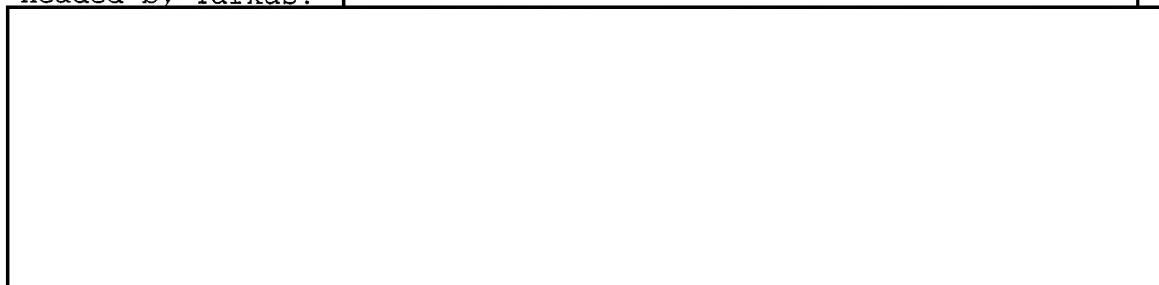
AHMAD RAGHAD MARDINI DAKICHLY  
DOB: 1/13/1951  
POB: Damascus, Syria  
(Later released)

MOHAMED ARABI SHEHIMI  
DOB: 6/8/1961  
POB: Mazrra, Beirut  
(Later released)

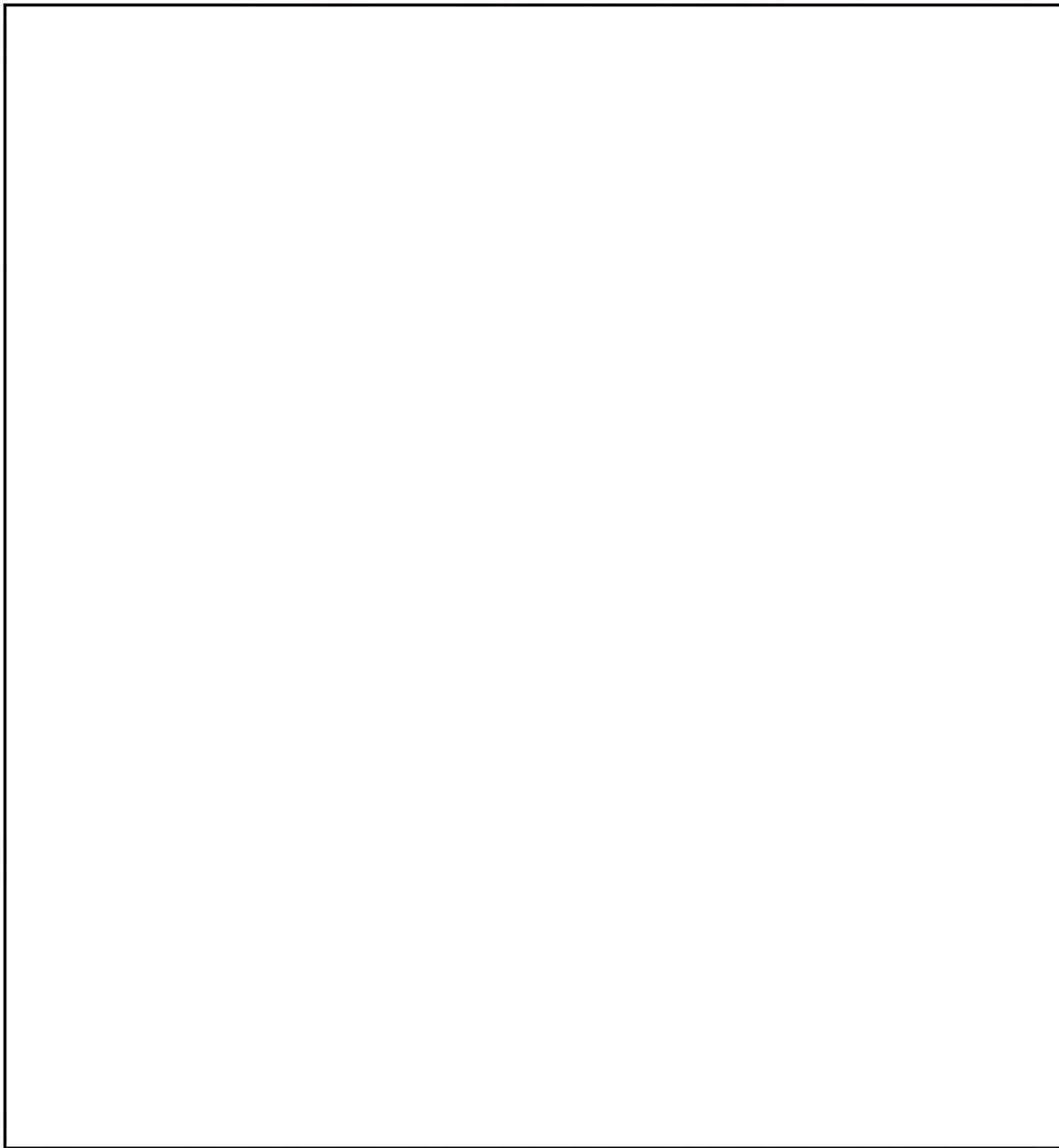


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On April 23, 2002, MOHAMED GHALEB KALAJE ZOUAYDI was arrested by the SNP for his involvement with the terrorist cell headed by Yarkas. [REDACTED]



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On January 19, 2002, two additional members of the Yarkas cell were arrested by the SNP. These are:

Najib Chaib Mohamed (Naturalized Spanish Citizen)

DOB: 2/17/1966  
POB: Nador, Morocco

ATMANE REZALI  
DOB: (?) 10/8/1970  
POB: Bordj el Kiffan, Algeria

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On July 16, 2002, three additional members of the Yarkas cell were arrested by the SNP. These are:

GHASOUB AL-ABRASHI GHALYOUN, aka ABU MUSAB  
DOB: 7/5/1963  
POB: 2/6/1965

ABDALRAHMAN ALARNAOT ABU-ALJER, aka ABU OBED  
DOB: 2/6/1965  
POB: Damascus, Syria

MOHAMEN KHAIR AL SAQQ, aka ABU ALDARDA  
DOB: 2/4/1965  
POB: Homs, Syria

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